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1. AS APPARENT FROM REF B, WE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET OUT THE RECORD OF THE LAST SDC MEETING, ALTHOUGH BEFORE WE WERE THROUGH THE AFFAIR TOOK ON PERILS-OF-PAULINE ASPECTS. IN ORDER TO PERSUADE USFJ TO ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE IN THE FINAL PARA OF REF B WE AGREED TO ARRANGE A MEETING JULY 18 WITH TAMBA, ADM. MCKENZIE AND SELIGMANN IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE ABOUT MOFA MOTIVES IN INSISTING ON SOME SORT OF SDC REVIEW OF THE PLANNING PROCESS AND TO ASCERTAIN THERE WAS NOT MORE THERE THAN MET THE EYE. THE REASSURANCES WERE APPROPRIATELY FORTHCOMING, BUT THEN TAMBA INSISTED THAT THE VERY LAST SENTENCE HAD NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED BY MOFA. ANOTHER THREE DAYS TO GET MOFA ABOARD, ANOTHER THREE DAYS FOR RELUCTANT USFJ CONCURRENCE, AND VOILA* WE WOULD NOT HAVE BOTHERED YOU WITH THE WHOLE BUSINESS AT ALL HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR CONCERN THAT ONCE REPORTED OUT TO TOKYO IN MILITARY CHANNELS THE MATTER COULD HAVE BEEN RAISED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON -- AND HAVING GIVEN YOU THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD HAVE THE END. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE CONVINCED THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTRETEMPS HERE THAT REFLECTS MOFA MISTRUST OF SOME OF THEIR JDA COLLEAGUES, BUT THAT IT IS VERY VAGUE AND THERE IS IN FACT NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF MOFA TO GET IMMersed IN MILITARY PLANNING. MANSFIELD

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